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FOR NEA/INS LORTON

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (GAUCHEN, BHIM PRASAD)

SUBJ: VISIT TO U.S. OF NEPALESE ASSISTANT MINISTER

1. MFA HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR WORKS AND TRANSPORT BHIM PRASAD GAUCHEN WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON OCTOBER 26 UPON RETURN FROM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, MEXICO CITY. MFA, WHICH MADE CLEAR THAT REQUEST CAME DIRECTLY FROM PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, ASKED WHETHER SOME INFORMAL PROGRAM COULD BE ARRANGED FOR GAUCHEN TO VISIT HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION SITE NEAR WASHINGTON. MFA SAID THAT GAUCHEN WAS TRAVELING TO U.S. IN UNOFFICIAL CAPACITY BUT THAT ALL EXPENSES WERE BEING BORNE BY HMG.

2. WE UNDERSTQND NEPALESE EMBJKSY WASHINGTON WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH LORTON (NEA/INS) TO MAKE OFFICIAL REQUEST.

3. ALTHOUGH GAUCHEN VISIT IS UNOFFICIAL WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY EFFORTS DEPARTMENT CAN MAKE TO PUT GAUCHENHIN TOUCH WITH DOT OFFICIALS AND TO FACILITATE HIS REQUEST TO OBSERVE U.S. HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES IN PERSON. ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND GAUCHEN SPEAKS LITTLE OR NO ENGLISH, NEPALESE FIRST SECRETARY RIMAL WILL SERVE AS INTERPRETER AND ESCORT DURING HIS VISIT. CARGO

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